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## **MEMORANDUM**

TO: JOINT LEGISLATIVE OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND NATURAL AND

ECONOMIC RESOURCES

Representative Jimmy Dixon, Co-Chair Representative Pat McElraft, Co-Chair Senator Brent Jackson, Co-chair

FROM: Anderson Miller

Director of Legislative Affairs

SUBJECT: REVISED - Marine Patrol and Shellfish Sanitation Equipment Sales

Division of Marine Fisheries

DATE: April 9, 2018

Pursuant to Session Law 2017-57, the Division of Marine Fisheries shall report to the Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on Agriculture and Natural and Economic Resources on the proceeds of the dispositions authorized from the sale of the equipment.

In a March 6, 2018 memo, it was reported that the division had sold a 1991 Lull telehandler, a 1984 LRT-100 crane, a 1999 Hudson Brothers lowboy trailer and the vessel M/V West Bay for a total of \$71,028. The proceeds of the sale were to be used to cover a large portion of the design cost of a new 135-foot barge, replacing the M/V West Bay.

However, due to delays in the state purchasing processes the division is not able to expend these funds, as originally proposed, to meet fiscal year end deadlines. Therefore, the division now intends to use the funds to modernize another vessel in the fleet, the M/V Jones Bay, which is used for inshore artificial reef construction and cultch planting operations.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact me by phone at 919-707-8618 or via email at <a href="mailto:anderson.miller@ncdenr.gov">anderson.miller@ncdenr.gov</a>.

cc: Chief Deputy Secretary John A. Nicholson Division of Marine Fisheries Director Steve Murphey